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35 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
36
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
37
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

38 **IN RE: TFT-LCD (FLAT PANEL)**
39 **ANTITRUST LITIGATION**

40 Case No. C-07-1827 SI

41 MDL No. 1827

42 **REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL**
43 **JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE**
44 **(LETTER ROGATORY)**

45 This Document Relates To:

46 ALL DIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California presents its compliments to the Appropriate Judicial Authority of Taiwan, and requests international assistance to effect Service of Process to be used in a civil proceeding before this Court in the above captioned matter.

I. REQUEST

This Court requests the assistance described herein as necessary in the interests of justice. The assistance requested is that the Appropriate Judicial Authority of Taiwan effect Service of Process of the Summons in a Civil Case; Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' Consolidated Complaint with attached Exhibit A; Pretrial Order No. 5: Case Management; Judge Illston's Standing Order; Standing Order Re: Cases Designated for Electronic Filing; Case Management Conference Order; Pretrial Order No. 4: Appointment of the Honorable Fern M. Smith as Special Master; Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California handbook; Notice of Availability of Magistrate Judge to Exercise Jurisdiction; ECF Registration Information Handout and Certified Translations on the below named business entity, a named defendant in this action:

AU Optronics Corporation
No. 1, Li-Hsin Road 2
Hsinchu Science Park, Hsinchu 30078
Taiwan

The Appropriate Judicial Authority of Taiwan is requested to serve the documents listed above by personal service into the hands of a director, managing agent or other person authorized to accept service, or in a manner of service consistent with the law of Taiwan.

II. FACTS OF THIS CASE

Plaintiffs, who purchased, in the United States, Thin Film Transistor Liquid Crystal Displays (“TFT-LCD”) directly from defendants between January 1, 1996 and December 11, 2006, bring this case as a class action. Defendants are leading manufacturers of TFT-LCDs and control the majority of the TFT-LCD industry. Plaintiffs allege that, between January 1, 1996 and December 11, 2006, defendants conspired, combined and contracted to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the prices at which TFT-LCDs were sold in the United States. Beginning at least as early as January 1, 1996, the exact date being unknown to Plaintiffs, defendants, by and through their officers, directors, employees, agents, or other representatives, entered in a continuing contract, combination or conspiracy to unreasonably restrain

1 trade and commerce in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. §1. As a result,
2 Plaintiffs were forced to pay more for TFT-LCDs than they would have paid in a competitive TFT-LCD
3 market. For their injuries, Plaintiffs are requesting treble damages and an injunction enjoining
4 defendants' anti-competitive activity under sections 4 and 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 15 and
5 26.

6 **III. RECIPROCITY**

7 The United States District Court for the Northern District of California is willing to provide
8 similar assistance to the judicial authorities of Taiwan.

9 **IV. REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS**

10 Counsel for Plaintiffs is willing to ensure reimbursement to the judicial authorities of Taiwan for
11 costs incurred in executing this letter rogatory. If the cost of executing this Court's letter rogatory
12 exceeds \$500.00, the judicial authorities of Taiwan are requested to contact the following counsel for
13 Plaintiff:

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20 In acknowledgment of the additional time which is needed to prepare and file a responsive
21 pleading to the attached documents, the time period is extended to 45 days after service.

22 Dated: 11/20/07, 2007.

23 [COURT SEAL]

24 The Honorable Susan Illston
25 United States District Court
26 Northern District of California
27 450 Golden Gate Ave.
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